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PRESENTED

By

THE SENIOR CLASS

Of

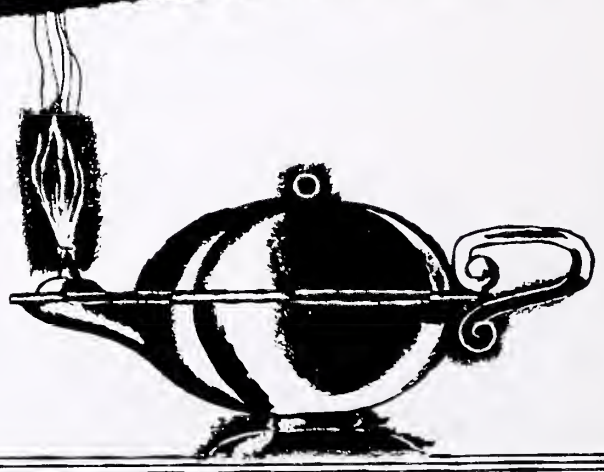
Essex County High School

Tappahannock, Virginia

FOREWORD

There are many memorable occasions during the course of a school year....fond, cherished memories...memories...that we would like to live and relive over and over again.

It is our sincere hope that this edition of the TIGER will always be a symbol of the most enjoyable days of your lives.



Alma Mater

Oh Essex brave, dear Essex true,
With earnest hearts we pledge to you
Our pride, our love, our loyalty
Through endless day and to destiny.

Chorus--
Oh Essex grave, dear Essex free
Oh Essex is the place for me
When it is time for me to die
Just bring me here and let me lie.

We know you can never fail us
And we shall never fail you
For you we sing Oh Essex true
We had great victory always for you.

In you alone we have our trust
And hope you will have the same in us
For you we live Oh Essex too;
We will always be witness for you.

Dedication

With deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude, the 1955-56 edition of the Tiger is respectfully dedicated to our sponsor, Mr. Richard Henry Vaughan, who has served Essex County High School and Tappahannock for more than eighteen years.

We salute you, Mr. Vaughan, for your sincere and untiring efforts to make the Class of '56 one of the best to ever leave this school and to make Essex County High School a symbol of service and education througnout the whole county.

May you continue to be a constant source of inspiration, a dynamic leader, and a grand American.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Penrose B. Parks

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to express my thanks to the faculty, students, and patrons who have worked to make this year a successful one--thanks for a job well done.

As we retrogress a bit we see our school small, not accredited, our extra-curricular activities nil in comparison to other schools, and our students not interested in college. Today we have made progress to correct some of these evils. Our school is accredited, our extra-curricular activities are on par with other schools, and our graduates are competing successfully at the larger institutions in our state and other states.

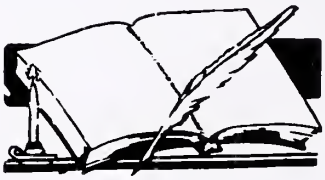
We are proud of our school, long may it stand as a monument to those who have a desire to learn. May its doors be opened to all who are interested in education. As our graduates pass from these halls, we hope that they have been filled with a desire to continue upward to higher goals.

Mrs. M. B. Poles
B.S., Va. State
College
English

Mr. R. H. Vaughan
M.A., North Carolina
College
Social Science

Miss M. R. Davis
A.B., Va. State
College
Librarian

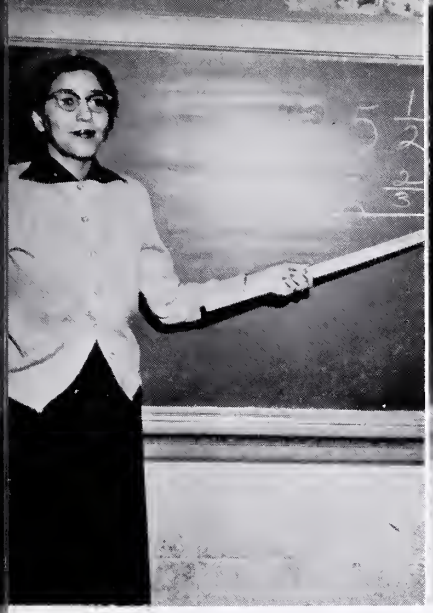
Faculty



Mr. A. R. Bowens
B.S., A. and T.
College
General Science

Mrs. L. T. Brown
B.S., Va. State
College
Home Economics

Mr. W. R. Henderson
A.B., Va. Union
University
Mathematics
French



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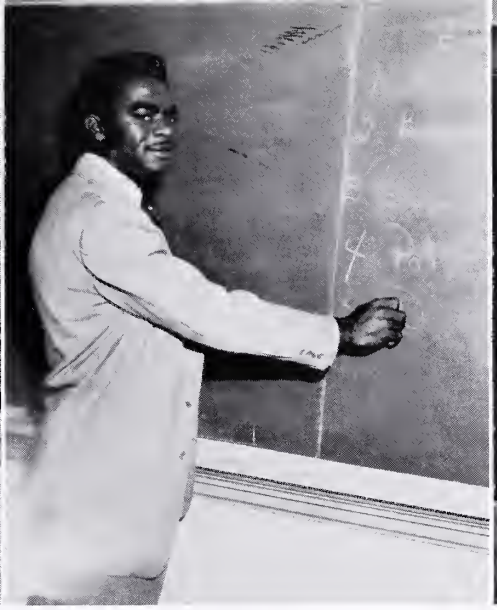
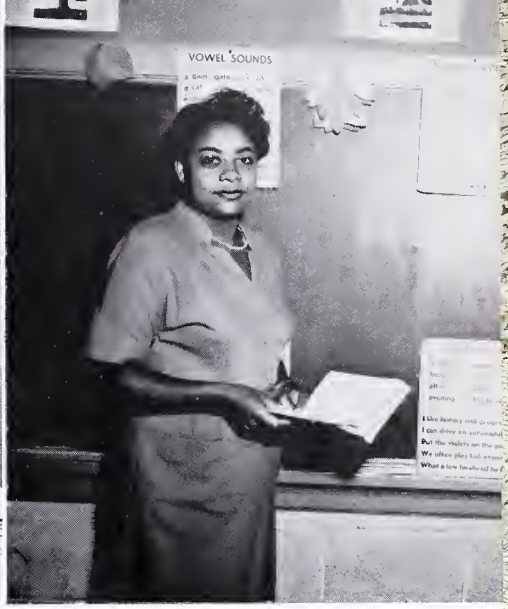
M. A., Columbia
University
Athletics
Sixth Grade

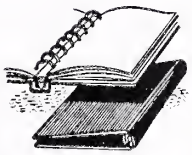


Mr. F. P. Holmes
B.S., Va. State College
Agriculture



Mrs. Z. C. Jackson
B.S., Va. State
College
Sixth Grade

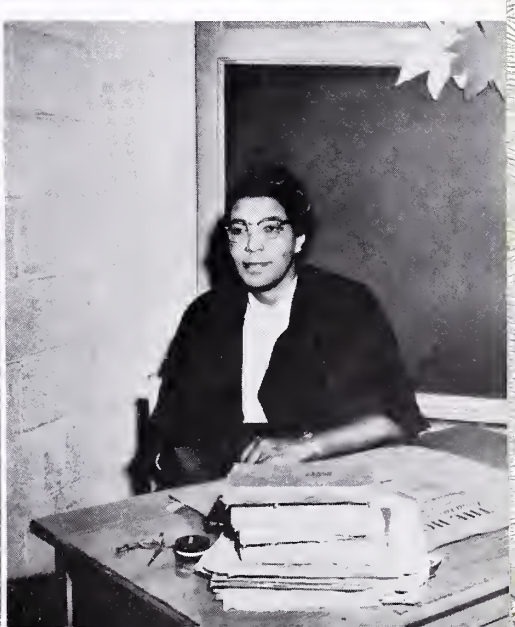
Faculty



Mrs. E. B. Booker
B.S., Va. State
College
Fifth Grade

Mr. T.H. Epps
B.S., Hampton Institute
Seventh Grade

Miss V.V. Waugh
B.S., Va. State
College
Third Grade



Mrs. E. Y. Stevens
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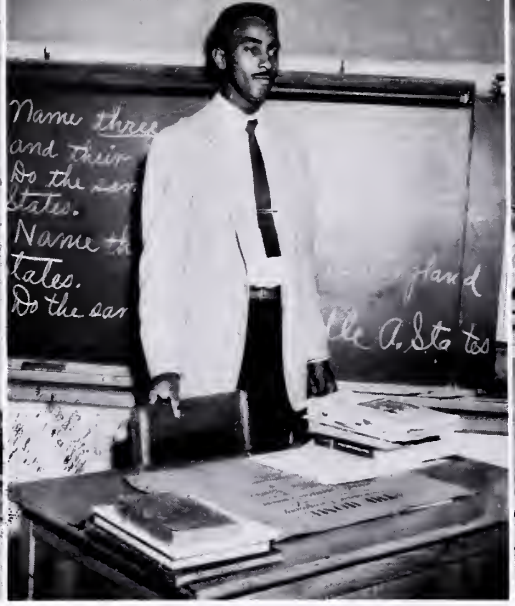
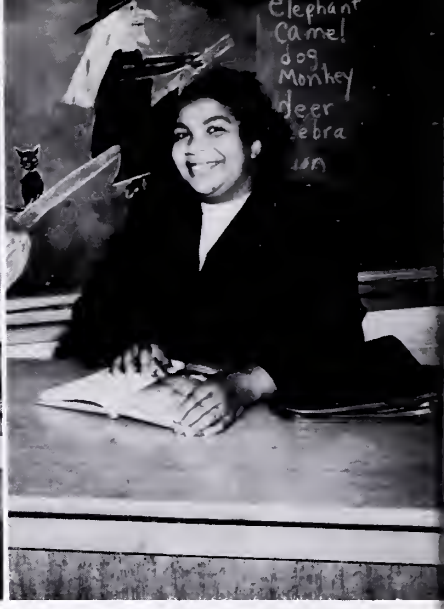
College
Third Grade

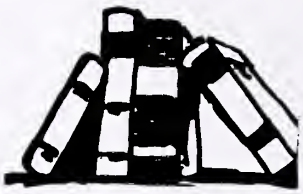


Mr. W. B. Gresham
A.B., Va. State
College
Athletics
Fourth Grade



Mrs. J. R. Burton
B.S., Va. State
College
Second Grade

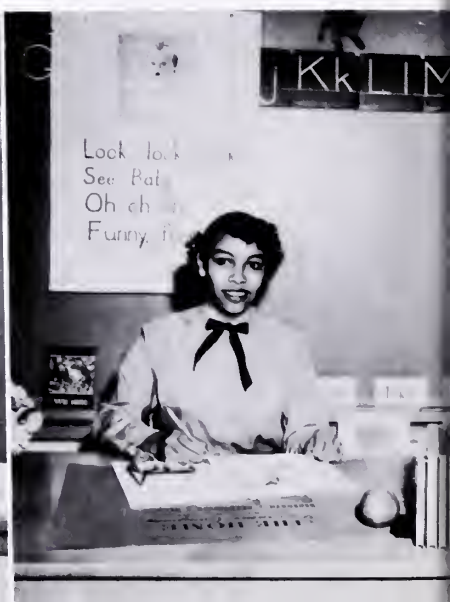
Faculty



Mrs. F. H. Johnson
A.B., Va. Seminary
Music
Second Grade

Mrs. E. L. Harris
B.S., Hampton Institute
First Grade

Miss M. E. Saunders
Ed. M., Temple
University
First Grade



SENIORS

Class Officers

President----------Allen Wormley
Vice President----------Ann Jones
Secretary----------Gloria Smith
Assistant Secretary----------Mary Hill
Treasurer----------Ruby Muse
Business Manager----------Laura Morris
Chm. of Prog. Comm. ----------Pauline Wilson
Parliamentarian----------Grace Johnson
Student Council----------Barbara Taylor
Sgt. at Arms ----------Harold Byrd

CLASS MOTTO

"Labor conquers all things."

CLASS COLORS

Lilac and Lime

CLASS FLOWER

Red Rose

Betty Mae Beale
Favorites:
Saying-"You know it too"
Subject-Chemistry
Pastime-Playing piano

John Blagmon
Favorites:
Saying-"Close enough"
Subject-English
Pastime-Thinking things over

Barbara Blagmon
Favorites:
Saying-"If you can't dig me don't"
Subject-English
Pastime-Dancing

Rosetta Cauthorne
Favorites:
Saying-"Gosh"
Subject-English
Pastime-Reading

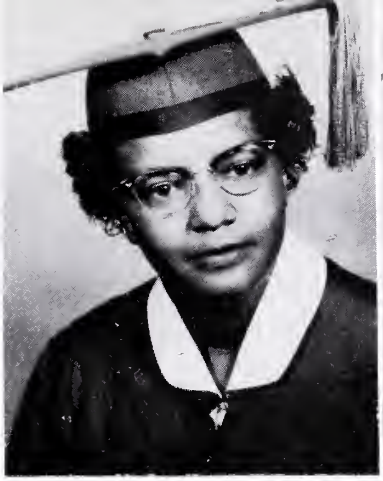
Dorothy Bundy
Favorites:
Saying-"Yes man"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Drawing

Sarah Cauthorne
Favorites:
Saying-"Forget about it"
Subject-English
Pastime-Music

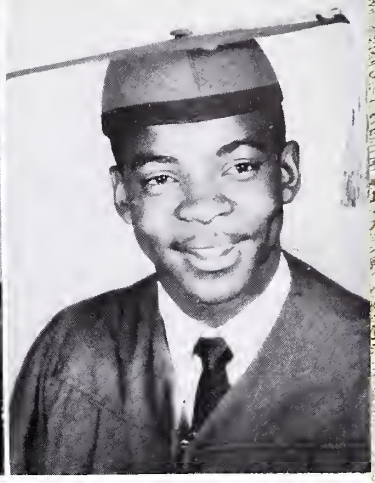
Mary Hill
Favorites:
Saying-"Lawd, Lawd"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Joking

Harold Byrd
Favorites:
Saying-"Oh! Boy"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Reading

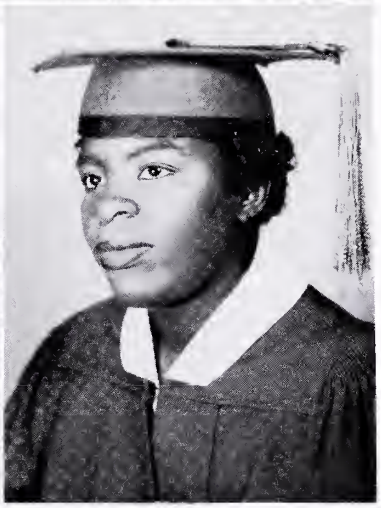
Grace Johnson
Favorites:
Saying-"Forget about it"
Subject-Home Economics
Pastime-Reading



James Gray
Favorites:
Saying-"Hey, Now"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Daydreaming

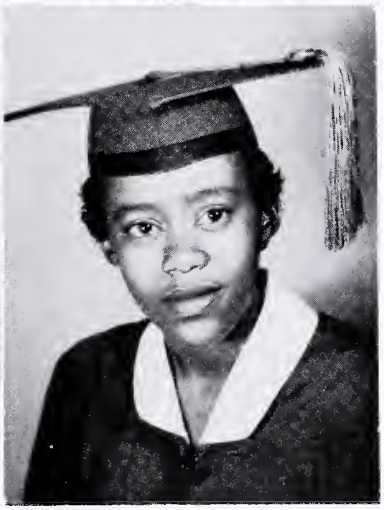


Ann Jones
Favorites:
Saying-"Darn Tooting"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Reading

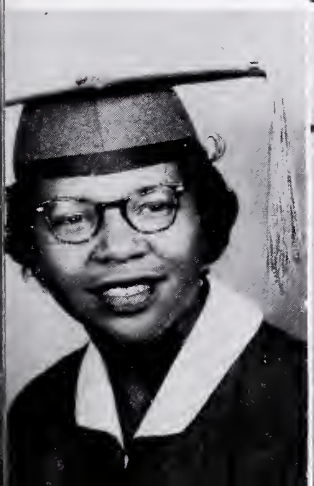


Laura Morris
Favorites:
Saying-"Keep cool you're wasted"
Subject-Mathematics
Pastime-Reading

Mae Pearl Lee
Favorites:
Saying-"Excuse me for excusing you"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Dancing



Grace Muse
Favorites:
Saying-"Don't worry about it"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Dancing



Ruby Muse
Favorites:
Saying-"Man, I'm telling you"
Subject-English
Pastime-Dancing

James Jackson
Favorites:
Saying-"Forget yourself"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Singing

Barbara Peterson
Favorites:
Saying-"Get Lost"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Joking

Lloyd Johnson
Favorites:
Saying-"All by Myself"
Subject-Chemistry
Pastime-Reading

Anna Pratt
Favorites:
Saying-"That's my business"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Dancing

Gloria Smith
Favorites:
Saying-"You know me"
Subject-Home Economics
Pastime-Dancing

Katherine Ruffin
Favorites:
Saying-"Gee Whiz"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Dancing

Arnetta Taylor
Favorites:
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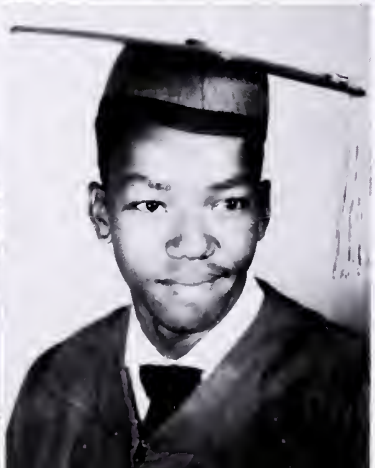
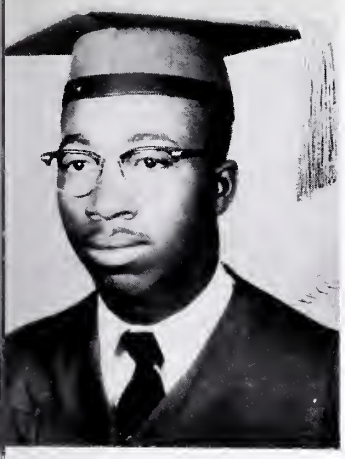
Pastime-Singing



Barbara Taylor
Favorites:
Saying-"Make me know it"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Gossiping

Harry Lee
Favorites:
Saying-"I don't know"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Just Loafing



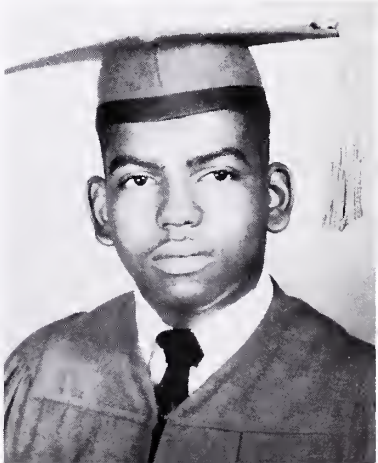
Joseph Noel
Favorites:
Saying-"You heard me"
Subject-English
Pastime-Playing around

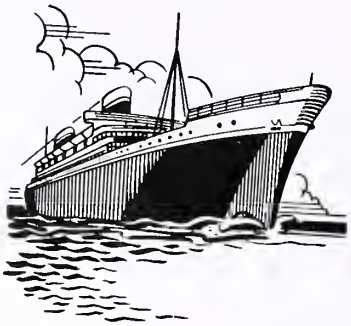
Pauline Wilson
Favorites:
Saying-"Chilly Chill"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Singing

James Smith
Favorites:
Saying-"You heard me"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Riding around

Beatrice Wright
Favorites:
Saying-"You got the best of me, Man"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Dancing

Allen Wormley
Favorites:
Saying-"Feel so good"
Subject-Government
Pastime-Riding around





Class History

How wonderful and entrancing seems that day when we first launched our new ship on the waters of ECHS! That day appeared to us as the most exciting and interesting day of all. Our hearts swelled with pride as we stepped over the threshold of the hall of ECHS and opened a new chapter in our field of education.

It was on the sixth day of September, 1952, that ECHS--the Old Ironsides of Education, flung open her doors for us to enter. How eager and anxious we were as we began our crusade for high school knowledge. Our joys knew no bounds but our instructors soon alerted us on the difficulties that we would encounter on our journey along the way.

During the first year of our voyage for knowledge, we were placed under the command of Mr. Richard H. Vaughan, who successfully piloted us over the Freshman River. Sometimes we were tempted to run-a-ground, but by sound teaching we were rescued from the strain of misfortune and steered on. As we sailed we learned to appreciate the wonders of English, history, mathematics, and science. Every day held new interests for us, and along the rivers were school buoys to keep us out of the rivulet of trifleness, laziness, impudence, and ignorance.

After cruising for one year, we crossed the borders into Sophomore Sea. On this sea we sailed under the four divisions with the same pilot. We were anxious to be intelligent; therefore, none would sulk or shrink from work fearing they would be marooned.

On beginning our third voyage, we felt that we knew it all, and held our heads high. Mr. Richard H. Vaughan was still our pilot. Mrs. Poles acquainted us with chemistry, Mr. Henderson enabled us to appreciate French, and Miss Davis advanced us further in the English language. Here we gave many entertainments for our Cruiser, ECHS, whom we loved dearly. As we neared the end of our Junior Strait, we thought all would be smooth sailing.

When we were ushered by incoming waves into Senior Ocean, we were at the highest that the old Cruiser could give us in knowledge. During the years we had built our reputation and all eyes were focused on the famous crew. We found that these waters were very rugged and required good steering. Our pilot, Mr. Vaughan, kept before us daily our duties and responsibilities as seniors.

This year brought members of the class closer together and we lived as if one family. We conquered the rocks of geometry, the sands of French, and waters of English that lashed against our sides. We shuddered at times when our way seemed dark and weary, but clung closer together and conquered them all. Soon we saw a haven of rest and the reward for our struggle for grasping the rules and regulations of being skillful pilots. The haven of rest was part of graduation. To realize that we are leaving our schoolmates causes us pain, for we will weep as we leave our old Ironsides, with its skillful pilots and captains.

Undergraduates, we hope that you will help the good ECHS to always maintain its reputation and fame by profiting by this--the history of the exalted Class of 1956!

---Ruby Naomi Muse

Class Poem

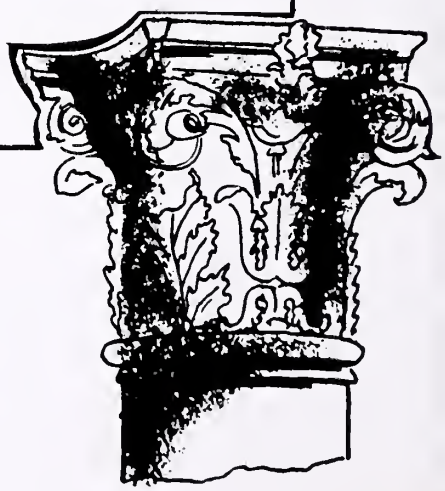
O class '56, with such a great band,
As we leave Ole Essex we must understand,
When we leave this part, be kind and true,
Never forget the fundamentals taught to us.
Honorable classmates, we are about to go,
Brave up, prepare for life's tough blow.

The race is calling for leaders bold,
The world is wide with opportunities untold,
Let us all brace up and get into the game,
Fight hard to uphold our honorable name.
Old Father Time is beckoning you,
He has much for this class to do.

We sing, we speak, we teach and dance,
We all know life is a game of chance.
This foundation, strong and bold,
The power of thought, with keen vision and self control.
We'll pull through with might and main,
Struggle hard, O class of '56 and win your fame.

We leave you, dear teachers, with grief in our hearts,
For it's now time for us to depart.
Your loving care has guided us right,
With your knowledge of instruction, we now see the light.
So, good-bye, dear faculty we've but to say
Your pupils are leaving to be great someday.

--Sarah Cauthorne



Class Song

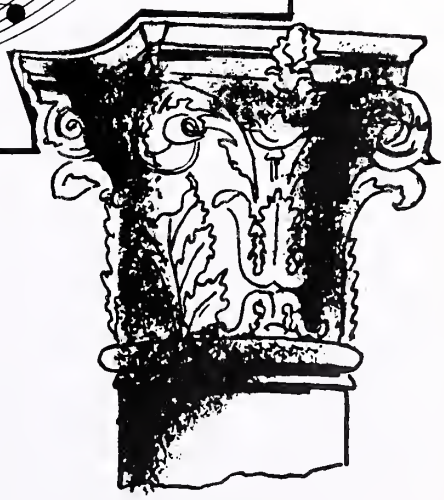
Tune: "Lilac Time"

Our school days here have passed and gone,
Yet the sweet memories linger on.
We know 'tis true, that Essex, we'll do
The things you'd have us to.
For deep in our hearts there will lie,
Our school days here at old Essex High.

'Tis sad to part with those we love,
Who made us strive for those things above.
Who for four years, the smiles and tears
Taught us the things to shun:
Taught us the meaning of right,
That made our school life so bright.

Our treasure chest, in it will lie
Sweet memories of Essex High,
Guarded by lock and golden key,
There to remain through eternity.
We'll cherish the lessons you taught us,
Also the meaning they brought us.

Chorus---
Farewell, dear Essex, fare thee well,
In our hearts you'll forever dwell.
Good-bye, dear teachers, you're so kind and true,
We hate it, but we must be leaving you.
When fighting the great battle of life,
Our whole hearts we will give in strife.
Essex High adieu to you so true-
Dear Old Essex, we love you.



Class Prophecy

Tired and weary at heart from my search among the ruins of the ages for that most coveted of prizes, the crystal globe, which would enable me to see far into the future, I sat down to rest at the base of an old pyramid. Suddenly the thought came--"You have not searched here; try this before giving up."

Arising, I looked at the network of stone and fate bade me to enter. Through a labyrinth of secret passages and a winding maze of time, I had attained the entrance to the mysterious chambers of the Ancient Sear in the underground depths of the pyramids. I firmly brushed aside the portiere and passed into the dimly-lighted room.

Clouds of pungent incense arose incessantly from the several oddly formed urns at the base of an immense golden shrine. The entire chamber seemed steeped in mysterism. At the center of the room upon a beautiful golden tripod reposed a huge, transparent crystal sphere in which could be seen the future, present, or past of mortal man.

Standing exultantly before it I cried, "O mirror of all ages, show to me the Class of '56!" Trembling, yet eager, I gazed into the crystal ball. It suddenly assumed a milky whiteness that gradually became clear.

Crowds, row upon row, were squirming among an ocean of seats. They rose to look upon the portrait designed by Mary Hill, the "Queen of Arts."

The scene changes, I see a home of the Spanish type. Inside a dainty young lady moves easily about, placing a chair here and a pillow there. She stops to smooth the hair of a handsome man, who reposes in an easy chair. They look up and smile, and I see that they are our own Barbara Taylor, a criminal lawyer, and James Jackson, a mechanic. They are now Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson.

The ball becomes cloudy--is it the end? No, the scene has changed. Across the globe spreads the drawing room of a Rhode Island home. A sophisticated lady comes smiling to the foreground. It is Dorothy Bundy, an elementary teacher at the Beth Page Elementary School. Her husband, an undertaker, appears to be James Gray.

Now slowly, it fades and a beauty shop comes upon the scene. The busy beauticians, Grace Muse, Barbara Peterson, and Beatrice Wright are at work.

Now all is black. I am tempted to flee, but a light appears and I see a hospital, with ambulances at the door, and nurses rushing here and there. The head nurse is Pauline Wilson and the head doctor is James Smith. I see two other neatly dressed nurses, Anna Pratt and Mae Pearl Lee.

The scene fades and there appears an office building on Wall Street. hear the tap-tap of a typewriter. At a desk, with a sea of papers before her, sits Grace Johnson.

Oh! The scene vanishes; I see now a city street. Here on this street is a large automobile factory owned by Harry Lee.

Far, far away comes the strains of an old Beethoven melody. The music surges upward, then decreases in volume. Sarah Cauthorne is at the piano, and singing beside her is Barbara Blagmon.

Ensuing is the scene of the Sand Castle School. I see that Betty Beale, Rósetta Cauthorne, and Gloria Smith are elementary teachers there along with Laura Morris who teaches mathematics.

This scene was followed by the appearance of a courtroom. Seated on the stand is attorney-at-law Ann Jones.

Just as news travels fast, so quickly goes the scene to Boston's largest publishing house. There at the desk is Ruby Muse who is a graduate of Miles Stone University.

The scene changes to that of a dense forest. Outlined against the top of the trees, I see a tall towered structure surrounded by a high wall where within sit two wealthy men, Lloyd

Johnson, electrical engineer, and Harold Byrd, a brick mason.

As I go on, I see Arnetta Taylor, a seamstress, and Katherine Ruffin, a designer.

Appearing now on the scene is a large party taking place at the home of bachelor Allen Wormley. His maid is ushering in his guests; Charles Hill, a press agent, and Joseph Noel, a barber, are among them.

Slowly, the scene fades, and the crystal becomes clear to remain so forever. Arising, I relieved the tension of my nerves and the weariness of my body and mind. With a long sigh of wonderment and sadness, I turned from the room with a murmur of, "Thank thee, O mirror of ages," and went out into the soft golden twilight of an oriental evening.

----Barbara Taylor
Pauline Wilson

Senior Superlatives

Most Intellectual
Katherine Ruffin
Barbara Peterson

Most Studious
Laurae Morris
Sarah Cauthorne

Most Courteous
Gloria Smith
James Smith

Most Athletic
Ann Jones
Allen Wormley

Best Personality
Betty Beale
Joseph Noel

Best Liked
Ruby Muse
Grace Muse

Wittiest
Anna Pratt
Pauline Wilson

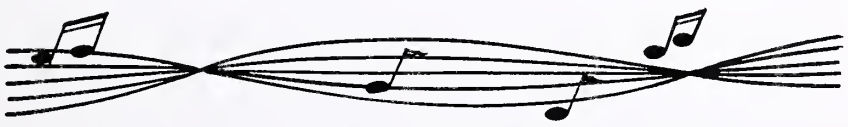
Most Likely to Succeed
Grace Johnson
Lloyd Johnson

Best Groomed
James Jackson
Dorothy Bundy

Most Business Like
Mary Hill
Arnetta Taylor

Musical Moods

"Love Has Joined Us Together"---------- E. C. H. S.
"My Saddest Hours"----------Late for Class
"Every Night About This Time"----------Assignments
"Poor Me"----------Failed a Subject
"Somebody Help Me"----------Wanted in the Office
"24 Hours of the Day"----------Studying for Test
"Green Backs"----------Buying Graduation Necessities
"Stormy Weather"---------- Failing to Graduate
"When You Waltz to the Stars"----------Prom Night
"Oh Happy Day"----------Graduation
"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"----------Finding a Job
"I'll Be True to You"----------Alma Mater



Class Will

We, the Class of '56 about to pass out of this sphere of our education because of our sound judgement and good sense, deem it wise to make move and declare this to be our last will and testament.

To our Principal and Faculty, we bequeath our sincere thanks for the valuable instructions and encouragement given us toward intellectual and moral development.

To the Undergraduates, we bequeath a broad intellect and a strong determination to study.

Individually, we make the following bequests which we treasure most:

Ruby Muse, who doesn't wish for the softball team to be discredited, leaves her job as catcher to Eva Miller.

Barbara Peterson treasures all of her possessions and therefore prefers to keep them.

Mary Hill, who is very capable of speaking for herself, leaves some of that ability to Clara Gaines.

Barbara Blagmon, whose voice in anyone's estimation is terrific, wants Nell Robinson to share some of that talent.

Mae Pearl Lee, who is a rather "smooth" dancer as everyone knows, would like to leave some of that ability to Delilah Burnett.

Anna Pratt leaves her government book to Ann Pratt.

Pauline Wilson leaves her position as guard on the basketball team to Virginia Bowler.

Dorothy Bundy leaves her geometry book to the future Juniors.

Barbara Taylor wills her winning ways to Eliza Ann Byrd who always loses to Barbara.

Rosetta Cauthorne leaves her two great traits--quietness and a fine sense of humor to Barbara Ann Young.

Betty Mae Beale, who always has a kind word and a sweet smile for everyone, leaves words of kindness and welcome to the Freshmen.

Beatrice Wright treasures all her possessions, therefore, she takes all of them with her.

Grace Johnson, who thinks she knows all there is to know about sports, leaves her knowledge to Pernell Muse.

Grace Muse leaves her fascinating ways to Elsie Bowler who doesn't fascinate her at all.

Ann Jones, a star basketball player, leaves her ability to play basketball to Geneva Layne.

Katherine Ruffin, a more than easy to get along with person, leaves some of her easiness to Virginia Bowler.

Sarah Cauthorne, who doesn't feel that she will need her shortness leaves it to Mary Blagmon.

Gloria Smith, who plays softball and doesn't like to see it abused, leaves her batting ability to Althena Harris.

Arnetta Taylor leaves her quiet spoken voice to someone who is not quite as quiet, Ann Pratt.

James Jackson wills his neatness to James Pitts.

James Gray leaves his bus driving ability to Hamilton Fortune.

Joseph Noel, who is unusually tall, wills his height to James Giles.

Harold Byrd wills his joking ways to Fred Covington.

Allen Wormley leaves his ability to play basketball to Samuel Lumpkin.

James Smith wills his sophisticated manner to William Brooks.

John Blagmon wills his job as bus driver to Mack Johnson.

Lloyd Johnson wills his slim figure to John Quarles.

Harry Lee leaves his pleasant smile to Charles Key.

Being as it is that Laura Morris talks a lot and feels that she can depart with some of this ability, she leaves that part to Joyce Brown.

Being as it is that we do not want to go lack, we take with us our most treasured possessions - the memory of the fun we have shared at E. C. H. S. and our Senior Dignity.

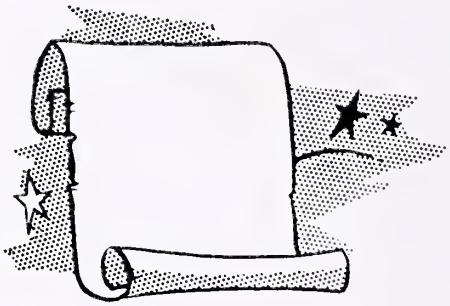
We hereby, do constitute and appoint our teacher Mr. Richard H. Vaughan sole executor of this, our last will and testament.

In witness, we the Class of 1956 have to this Will set our hand and seal - this Sixth Day of June "Anno Domini", One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

Laura Morris

WITNESSES:

Grace Johnson
Barbara Taylor
Ruby Muse
Gloria Smith



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JUNIOR CLASS

Left to right: Althena Harris, President; Joyce Washington, Vice President; Edna Gaines, Secretary; Clara Booker, Assistant Secretary; and Eleanor Wright, Treasurer.

FIRST ROW: Prince Banks, James Reynolds, Thiadar Taylor, Robert Gray, Emmett Gardner. SECOND ROW: Geneva Layne, Gladys Blagmon, Joyce Washington, Edna Gaines, Miss Davis, Sponsor, Sarah Lee, Nell Robinson, Ann Pratt. THIRD ROW: Samuel Lumpkin, Virgie Johnson, Jean Newman, Clara Gaines, Dorothy Dandridge, Deloris Peterson, Theresa Johnson, Edwin Young, Carrie Fortune, Mildred Fortune, Clara Booker. FOURTH ROW: Lorenzo Harris, James Braxton, Gordon Jones, Hamilton Fortune, Samuel Pitts, William Holmes, Wilbur Golden, Patricia Young, Althena Harris, Virginia Bowler, Eleanor Wright, William Wright, and Delilah Burnette.

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Seated, Left to Right: Jean Richardson, Mary Blagmon, Frances Holmes, Girlene Johnson, Lucy Hill, Catherine Snowden, Dorothy Lee, Gladys Johnson. BACK ROW: Richard Newman, Elsie Bowler, Edward Ransome, Mary Muse, Charles Key, William Pitts, William Hence, John Gardner, Ruth Lee, Mr. Bowens, Sponsor.

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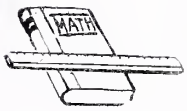
FIRST ROW: Mary Segar, Mary Burrell, Diane Clements, Jennie Bundy, Joyce Brown, Ruth Richardson, Virginia Nelson, Mary Lee. SECOND ROW: Christine Scott, Milton Beale, Edna Holmes, Estellia Taylor, Barbara Corbin, Betty Taylor, Charlotte Thompkins, Bertha Hill, Gloria Ransome, Ruth Blagmon. THIRD ROW: Mrs. Poles, Sponsor; Franklin Corbin, Addison Smith, Herbert Pettiford, Zoline Bundy, Margaret Thornton, Sylvia Jones, Frances Sutton, Florine Roane, Eliza Byrd, Dorothy Lee, Mary Clarke, Ruth Fortune, Louise Pratt. FOURTH ROW: Leroy Blagmon, John Cauthorne, James Surles, Bernard Clarke, John Vaughan, Elwood Gray, Robert Gray, Samuel Banks, Robert Banks.

CLASS WORK

Mathematics



We the devoted members of the Sophomore Class are within the most precious years of our lives. The fundamentals of mathematics will help us to build the foundation that embodies the making of great citizens of America.

Social Studies

Our government becomes more democratic---Barbara Blagmon, a student in the senior government class, explains to the class how each student can play a part in his government.

Home Economics

Homemaking seeks to help students in two ways: first to achieve satisfying family and personal life, and second to develop better understanding of themselves so that they may maintain satisfactory relationship with others.

Science

This world in which we live is filled with the results of scientific research. It is the aim of this class to share in that research.

Agriculture

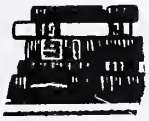
The department is in its third year of operation and has an enrollment of fifty-nine boys. The majority of these boys are farm boys and have well rounded programs of supervised farming. We believe in the statement "Supervised farming provides experience which contribute to the development of abilities needed for proficiency in farming of the type in which the students are likely to engage."

Driver Education

The Driver Education and Training Course is designed to provide an educational process which will give pupils the knowledge necessary to prevent traffic accidents.

English

Finding information about questions by effective Reading and Comprehension is the task assigned to the above Eleventh Grade English Class.



English

Ninth Grade students develop understanding and reasoning by building sentences which enable them to do a creative job of improving their abilities in oral and written expression.

ACTIVITIES

We believe that a wide variety of activities is necessary to build well rounded individuals, and we are proud of the opportunities that E. C. H. S. offers.

Student Council

The Student Council at Essex County High School is an industrious group, made up of two representatives from each homeroom and the student body officers. During the school year the council conducts campaigns to secure funds for scholarships and athletic awards. The council members also sponsor the "Miss Essex" Contest and the winner is crowned on Homecoming Day--in May.

The Tiger Staff

In presenting this 1955-56 edition of THE TIGER we have endeavored to give you an everlasting picture of the life and activities, as well as the traditions of ECHS.

Editor ---------- James Jackson
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Sports Editor ---------- Grace Johnson
Class Editor ---------- Gloria Smith (Not Pictured)
Advertising Editor ---------- Barbara Peterson
Social Editor ---------- Sarah Cauthorne
Typist ---------- Miss Davis
Advisor ---------- Mr. Vaughan
Advisor ---------- Mrs. Poles

New Farmers Of America

Shown with the ensignia of their respective offices are the officers of the Essex Chapter of the New Farmers of America for 1955-1956. This Chapter is a member of the Chesapeake Federation. Left to Right: Mr. Holmes-Instructor,, James Giles-Vice President, Gordon Jones - President, Charles Young -Reporter, Edwin Brooks-Secretary, and James Grey-Treasurer.

N. F. A. Quartette

The N F A started the year with these young men who have accepted the responsibility of the music por tion of the chapter. We are looking forward to a successful competitive school year. Left to Right: Charles Young, Walter Robinson, William Pitts, and Hugh Gaines.

Safety Patrol

The promotion of safety, high ideals, moral standards, and a greater spirit of brotherly love among our fellow students is our goal. For this great cause we dedicate ourselves as the school's Safety Patrol. Grace Johnson, captain, not pictured.

New Homemakers Of America

Motto: "Better Homes for a Better Nation".

The Choral Club

The Choral Club of 1955-56 will strive to be an asset to the school and community by developing talent and by appreciating and rendering good music. Mrs. F. H. Johnson is the Director.

Pep Squad

The six talented cheerleaders demonstrate splendid timing and coordination as they put an abundance of animation into the cheerleading at Essex High.

The Dramatics Club

The Dramatics Club affords each member an opportunity to express himself vividly, increase his vocabulary, enunciate clearly, develop confidence and poise, and to gain intellectually and culturally. Mrs. M. B. Poles is the Director.

FEATURES

Cafeteria

The school Cafeteria fits into the educational scheme to provide meals which apply to the theories of health and nutrition learned in the classroom.

Boy Scouts

The Scout Troop 209 of the Robert E. Lee Council believes and executes the scout law to the fullest extent.

Store

The store is seldom without students during store hours. Here they purchase school supplies and confections.

Library

Under the supervision of the librarian, library helpers have a daily routine of working in the library.

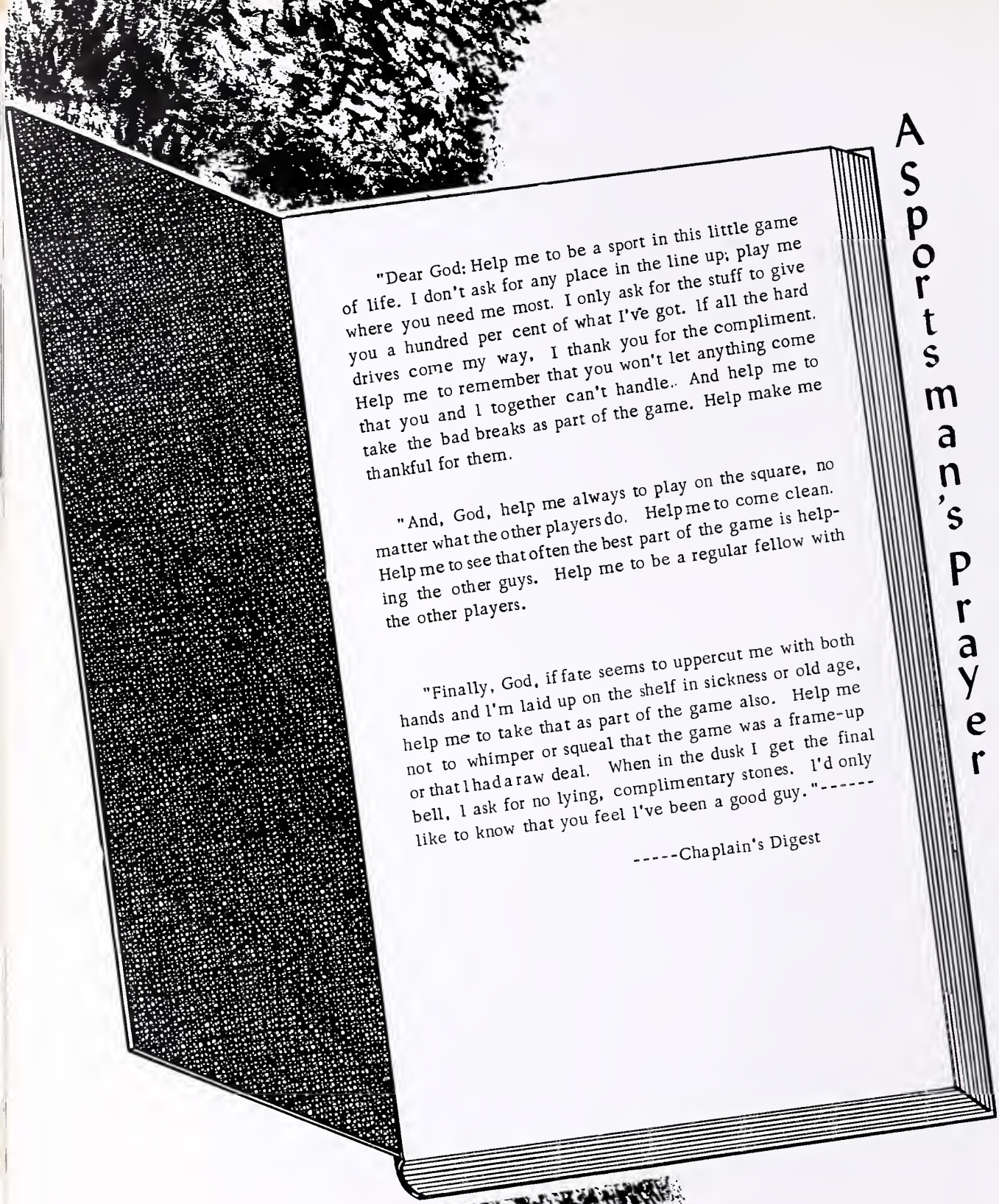
Senior Class Play

These Senior Players found enjoyment in producing "Cute and Peppy", a one act farce by Donald Payton. Here the cameraman caught the players as they appeared on the entrance of "The World's Champeen Horseback Rider."

The crowning of Laura Morris as "Miss Essex" at our Annual May Day Festival was a gala event. "Miss Essex" led a colorful parade of floats, representing various school activities through the downtown business section of our town.

May Queen

The May Queen, Diane Stewart, reigns graciously with her court above. PICTURED: Left to Right: Thelma Johnson, Barbara Reynolds, Jean Vaughan, Madline Young, Shirley Coleman, and Sylvia Jones.



A Sportsman's Prayer

"Dear God: Help me to be a sport in this little game of life. I don't ask for any place in the line up; play me where you need me most. I only ask for the stuff to give you a hundred per cent of what I've got. If all the hard drives come my way, I thank you for the compliment. Help me to remember that you won't let anything come that you and I together can't handle. And help me to take the bad breaks as part of the game. Help make me thankful for them.

"And, God, help me always to play on the square, no matter what the other players do. Help me to come clean. Help me to see that often the best part of the game is helping the other guys. Help me to be a regular fellow with the other players.

"Finally, God, if fate seems to uppercut me with both hands and I'm laid up on the shelf in sickness or old age, help me to take that as part of the game also. Help me not to whimper or squeal that the game was a frame-up or that I had a raw deal. When in the dusk I get the final bell, I ask for no lying, complimentary stones. I'd only like to know that you feel I've been a good guy."------

-----Chaplain's Digest

Girls' Basketball

The ECHS girls won the Group III Championship for the year 1954-1955 making it their second successful year with the league. The girls have pledged to give their all for another successful season. STANDING; Left to Right are: Laura Morris, Thresa Johnson, Mrs. M. G. Bayton-Coach, Bertha Hill, Mary Clark and Mary Lee. KNEELING: Left to Right are: Beatrice Wright, Barbara Blagman, Deloris Peterson, Pauline Wilson, Dorothy Dandridge-Captain and Ann Jones-Co-Captain.

Boys' Basketball

The Tigers started another season of competition in the VIA. We are members of Group III-District One of the VIA. This team is beginning this season with a new 'string' of players. We are grateful for the assistance of a new coach, Mr. William Gresham.

Softball

This is the nucleus of the 1955 Softball Champions who won the TIAA Champions for two consecutive years, and in that time have remained undefeated. The team is coached by Mr. P. B. Parks and Mr. F. P. Holmes. The group is composed of the following players: Left to Right, Grace Johnson, Gloria Smith, Ruby Muse, Deloris Peterson. Althena Harris, Naomi Dandridge, Betty Beale, Ann Jones and Alice Johnson--Coaches Holmes and Parks standing.

Baseball

The baseball team of Essex County High School will begin its spring training in the month of March for the 1956 season. The baseball team is a member of the VIA Group III-District One. We are glad to have the assistance of a new coach, Mr. William Gresham.

WE HONOR

Mrs. Julia Young Grant

As we think of the elementary grades as the foundation on which higher education is built, we cannot fail to realize the great part that the retiring educator, Mrs. Julia Young Grant, displayed in building that foundation for us.

On this introductory page to our elementary class activities we give reverence to one whose loyalty and interest were one with ours. We think of her as one whose patience was endless, whose friendship was ever genuine, and whose service and loyalty were ever an inspiration to all.

ELEMENTARY CLASSES

Seventh Grade pupils share a great interest in using library references and have a prized love for popular reading.

The Seventh Graders enjoy their social studies recitation periods under the supervision of Mr. Epps.

. . . More Elementary Classes

This class is busy completing its assignments for the various classes of the day. Instructor, Mrs. Z. C. Jackson.

Madeline Young, a Sixth Grade pupil, explains a problem in fractions as Jean Vaughan and Raymond Richardson look on. Instructor, Mrs. M. G. Bayton.

. . . And More Elementary Classes

These Fifth Grade students, under the supervision of Mrs. E. B. Booker, are observing "A Guide To Good Eating" chart as an aid in studying a unit on Wise Daily Food Planning.

A study period is included in the daily schedule to assist students with problems that might go unattended at home. Here we find members of the Fourth Grade engaged in such a study hour under the supervision of Mr. W. B. Gresham. (Not Shown)

. . . . And still more

Third Grade pupils are constantly displaying creative ability through free hand drawing. Art affords a fine outlet for self-expression. Miss V. V. Waugh, instructor.

Pupils exhibit various means of expression through silent and oral reading, discussion groups, and dramatizations. Mrs. E. Y. Stevens, instructor.

... And Still More

These Second Grade students listen attentively as Mrs. J. R. Burton explains a new phase of their daily recreational program.

Substitute teacher, Miss Ella Moore, assists these Second Grade students with their work on Spelling Drills, a daily activity of the class. This class is now under the supervision of Mrs. F. H. Johnson.

... And Now The End of The Elementary Classes

Interest and confidence lead to independence. An effective initial reading program starts these First Graders on the road to independence in reading. Miss M. E. Saunders is the instructor.

The First Grade pupils listen enthusiastically as stories are being told by their classmates. Mrs. E. L. Harris is the instructor.

Junior Senior Prom Snapshots

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Mrs. Ida Bailey

Mrs. Ethel Banks

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Banks

Mr. and Mrs. Banks Bayton

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baughan

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bayton

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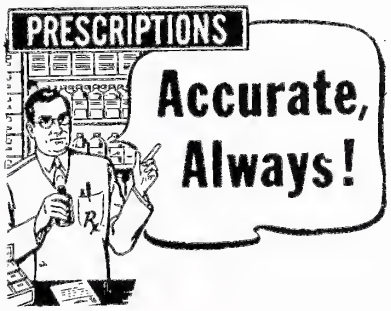

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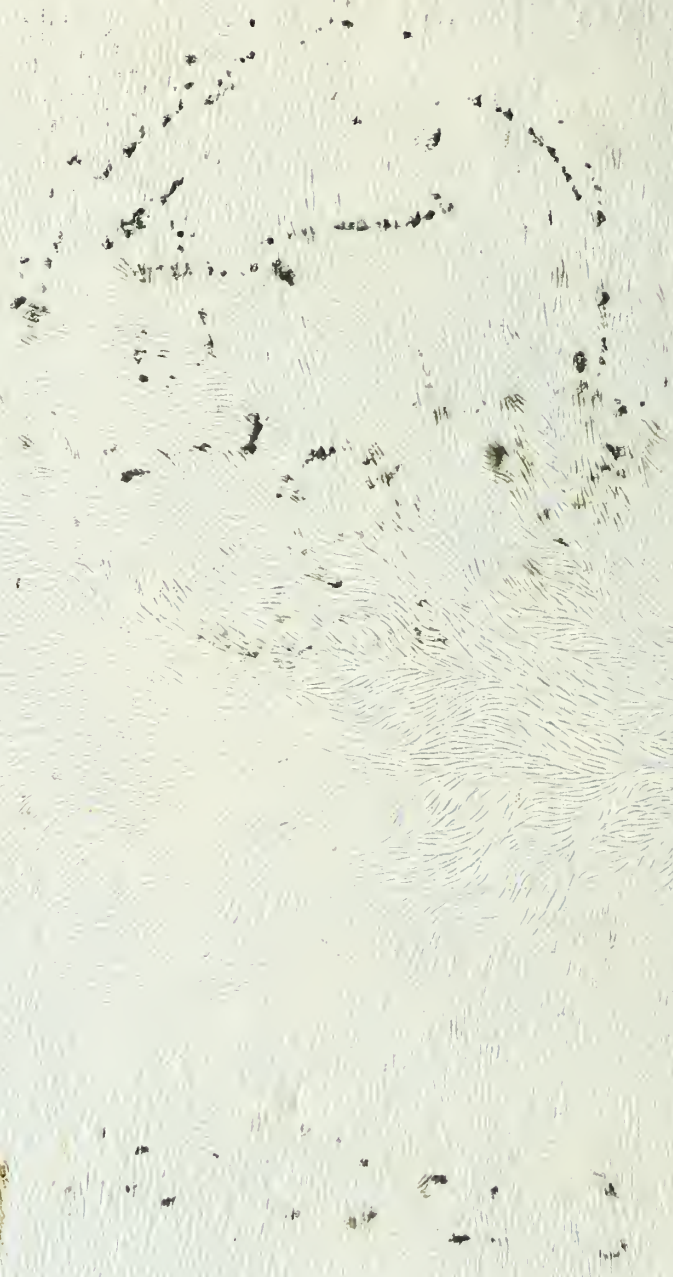
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